



## EQUITABLE IS ATTACKED BY MAYER

### SUIT IS COMMENCED

### Officers, Directors, and Committee Members Are Defendants

State Attorney Mayer Brings Suit Against Equitable Life Assurance Society. Makes Serious Charges Against Individuals. Asks Severe Punishment.

New York, July 31.—Action was instituted today by State Attorney General Julius Mayer in the supreme court of New York county in the name of the people of the state of New York, against the Equitable Life Assurance Society, its officers, members and directors of the executive and financial committees, all of which are named in the complaint. The complaint refers to the Frick committee's report and the investigation made by the State Insurance Superintendent Hendricks.

Mr. Mayer asks that the defendants account for funds and property committed to their care, and that they be required to return any money acquired, lost, or wasted by the violation of duties; that any director found guilty of misconduct be removed; that the net surplus, after deducting outstanding obligations be divided among the policy holders.

The complaint accuses the defendants of having conducted their business negligently and imprudently and states they have done or permitted wrongful and improper acts to the loss of the society.

Hyde, Alexander and Tarbell are accused of having manipulated the mercantile safe deposit company to their profit in violation of their duty to the Equitable. Concerning the Missouri safe deposit company, the complaint alleges that it was sold at a price far exceeding its value, to the Equitable society by Hyde, who owned nearly three quarters of the stock and the other defendants, who owned the balance. The complaint alleges also that salaries and pensions allowed defendants, as officers, were unwarranted.

Of the loan to the Depew Investment company, the complaint charges the defendants improperly and wastefully allowed the society to loan a quarter of a million dollars to it on grossly inadequate security.

It alleges that the defendants were stockholders in this company also.

The Depew Investment company, so

the complaint alleges, became insolvent and was bid in by the defendant society for \$50,000 causing a great loss to the Equitable.

It says further that no attempt was ever made to collect the deficiency in the judgment and the same remains unpaid.

### WYOMING AT 'FRISCO.

Monitor With Broken Propeller Blade Towed To Bay City.

San Francisco, July 31.—The United States Monitor Wyoming has arrived here on her way to Mare Island in tow of the government tug Unadilla. The Wyoming started up from Panama over a month ago. Off Hartford she lost a propeller blade and had to put into that port, where she waited for assistance. The Bennington at San Diego was about to proceed to her aid when the unfortunate accident took place and the Unadilla was dispatched in her place.

### FEW NEW CORPORATIONS.

Journal of Commerce Quotes July as Being Extremely Small Month.

New York, July 31.—New corporations authorized in July under the laws of the Eastern states with a capital of \$1,000,000 or more as compiled by the Journal of Commerce, reached a total of only \$61,315,000, by far the smallest for any month during the current year. July has been a small month for years, however, in matters of this kind and the month now closing is about even with the record for recent years. Charters for companies capitalized at less than \$1,000,000 aggregate \$39,995,000.

### TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, July 31.—Western Washington and Western Oregon; fair, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, unsettled, probably with thunderstorms.

## FIRE DESTROYS SWIFT PLANT

### Starts at St. Joseph Early This Morning

Disastrous Blaze in Beef Beds and Poultry Department. Is Beyond Control. Loss Estimated at Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 31.—Fire which started about 1 o'clock this morning in the beef beds of Swift & Company's packing plant at South St. Joseph, completely destroyed the poultry department, which is said to be the largest in the world. The beef beds were also entirely consumed.

At 1:35 A. M., the fire was beyond control and is said to be spreading to the oil rooms.

If the flames reach the oil rooms there is little chance of any of the buildings being saved. At 2:25 A. M., Swift & Company estimate the present loss at \$250,000.

## MEN OF HONOR WANTED BY WILSON

### TO REORGANIZE BUREAU

### In Interview With President Roosevelt He Unfolds Plan.

Secretary of Department of Agriculture Proposes General Shakeup—Already Has One Man and Seeks More. Two Will Understand Cotton.

Oyster Bay, July 31.—Secretary Wilson will organize thoroughly the crop statistics bureau of the department of agriculture, according to information received here last night. Already he is seeking men of character, standing and education to conduct the work of the bureau, men in whom the farmers and growers of the country have confidence and who will place the reports of the bureau on a standard of excellence never heretofore achieved.

One man he has found, although he does not, at this time, wish to publish his name. The other three he hopes to secure in a short time.

Two of them will be Southern men and both will be experts in cotton and tobacco statistics. This in brief is one of the ideas which Secretary Wilson elucidated to President Roosevelt today.

Secretary Wilson outlined his new plan as follows:

"This is entirely new," said he, "and has never been published. My intention is to create a board, with Assistant Secretary Hays at the head, which shall handle all of the crop statistics. I appointed a board a little while ago, the members of which handle the statistics individually and turn in their results to me or to Mr. Hays. The present board was a sort of makeshift affair.

"It was the best we could organize, in a hurry, from the people in the department. It is my intention to organize a board of four men, two of whom will be from the South. The other two will be from other parts of the country. They will be the best men we can find in the country. They will be scientific experts in whom the country have absolute confidence. All reports will be sent to me from the field and I shall place them at the proper time, in the hands of these scientists.

"Each will make up his estimate and the four estimates will be received by me or by Assistant Secretary Hays.

"The members of the board will be regular employees of the department and they will spend some of the time traveling in search of any information which may bear upon their work. Through the work of this board, I think we shall have perfectly reliable estimates made of all crop conditions.

### GETS SIX YEARS.

Idaho Woman Convicted of Manslaughter Goes to Penitentiary.

Paris, Idaho, July 31.—Mrs. Caddie Shupe, who yesterday was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter, for the killing of Arthur Douglas, today was sentenced to serve six years in the state penitentiary at Boise. Mrs. Shupe will not appeal but will serve out the sentence. She is the mother of six young children, who will be taken care of by relatives.

### MONARCHS IN CONFERENCE.

King Christian and Emperor Meet at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, July 31.—The meeting between Emperor William, of Germany,

and King Christian today was of a very formal character, but the emperor's absorbed demeanor, seemed to show that he attached great importance to the meeting. The forts and warships fired royal salutes on the arrival of the imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

King Christian in company with the Crown Prince and other princes, Premier Christensen and the foreign minister, Count Levelan, welcomed the emperor. There was no formal reception.

### CONTROVERSY NEAR END.

Russia and United States are to Effect Compromise.

St. Petersburg, July 31.—Negotiations for the settlement of the Russo-American tariff differences are advancing steadily. Russia is willing to withdraw the retaliatory duties on American machinery, etc., which weigh hard on Russian industry and agriculture, and on these seeks abandonment of the retaliatory duties imposed by her on sugar, American exports of which are not apt to become an important factor.

Certificates of origin necessarily exacted on machinery imported from other countries is also a burdensome formality and M. Witte, who was minister of finance when the duties were imposed, was consulted before leaving for the United States, and agreed to the advisability of settling the dispute. The minister of finance hopes to be able to arrange a readjustment and to interchange notes on the matter without having recourse to a commission and the wish is might be arrived at in time to be announced during the peace negotiations. The principal prospect of delay lies in the desire to submit the revision to M. Witte for his formal approval as a matter of courtesy, showing how strongly his political star is in the ascendant in Russia today.

## WAYWARD YOUTH FORCED TO MARRY

### Seducer of Seattle Girl Feels Arm of Law.

Married Girl and Was Accused of Seduction By Second Girl. Divorce Proceedings Followed By Marriage to the Wronged Girl By Sheriff's Direction.

Victoria, July 31.—Robert Collins was married here today to Lottie Conrad, of Seattle, while Sheriff Livesley, who brought the couple here for the ceremony looked on.

Collins was married July 15 to a Miss Hoffman, of Seattle, and so soon as the marriage was announced Miss Conrad, a clerk in a dry goods store, charged him with seduction.

To save him from the penitentiary, the bride of a few days, consented to a divorce and as the statutes forbid marriage within six months of a divorce, the Judge ordered Collins and Miss Conrad to be brought across the international line to Victoria and be married.

The Victoria police were notified that if Collins refused to carry out the marriage that he be arrested and held, pending extradition proceedings on the charge which his divorce and remarriage allowed him to escape.

### RELEASE FEVER SUSPECTS.

New York Health Officers Release Detained Steamer Passengers.

New York, July 30.—Three passengers of the steamer Segurama, detained as fever suspects, were released today with two members of the crew of the steamer Elderow. A number of other persons from the passenger lists and crews of vessels arriving from Southern ports will probably be released from observation tomorrow.

Two members of the crew of the Segurama are very sick, but it has not been determined that the men are suffering from yellow fever.

The bacteriological examination will not be completed until tomorrow.

## WILL SHUT OUT CHINESE LABOR

### TEXT OF NEW TREATY

### Will Exclude Laborers From China and This Country.

Text of New Treaty As Set Forth By Chinese Government. Celestials of Prominence With Credentials to Be Unmolested.

Seattle, July 31.—The Post-Intelligencer will publish tomorrow the text of the proposed new treaty on the immigration question as set forth by the Chinese government. On the date of the signing of the treaty, laborers of both countries shall be excluded from the other. A provision is made for laborers' return to the native countries, certificates being furnished. Chinese laborers destined to other countries other than America shall have the right to pass across the United States, subject to the regulations of the nation. Chinese laborers are to be admitted into the Hawaiian islands and the Philippines, as are the subjects of other Eastern nations. Chinese subjects, other than laborers, shall be admitted and permitted to reside in this country, proper certificates being furnished them. Chinese subjects who wish to enter America having proper securities, shall not be detained or imprisoned. Chinese, excepting laborers, permanent or transient, shall have the privilege of bringing their families to this country, if they present proper certificates. Chinese can not become citizens. Disagreements in the interpretations of the treaty are to be referred to arbitration in both countries. The treaty will be effective twenty years. A year's notice will be necessary to abrogate the treaty.

### MEETING POSTPONED.

San Franciscans Defer the Discussion of Chinese Boycott.

San Francisco, July 31.—The proposed meeting of commercial bodies in this city to consider the boycotting of American goods in China, which was to have been held today, has been postponed.

The department of state at Washington has been requested to fully investigate the matter and local merchants deemed it advisable to get all the facts possible from official sources, before acting in San Francisco. The meeting will be held later in the week.

## SAY GERMANY IS NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH

Paris, July 31.—Activity of German commercial agents and officials with reference to the Moroccan situation is causing doubts on the part of the French people as to Germany's good faith.

Despite a decision of the two governments not to interfere with the status quo until the international conference meets, the Germans are trying to extract commercial concessions from the Sultan, hoping thereby, to strengthen Germany in its position at the conference. Inquiries in well informed circles, however, show that it is not believed that Germany officially is authorizing these efforts, though differences are likely to

## FEDERATION MAKES FIRST PURCHASE

Portland, July 31.—Contracts were signed tonight for the sale of the French-Glen ranch, in Harney county, comprising 164,000 acres, to the Co-operative Christian Federation. The consideration is \$1,800,000. The first installment will be paid within thirty days. The ranch is sixty miles long and 25 miles wide.

### TO ENFORCE CLAIM.

England Will Demand Indemnity From Russia

London, July 31.—In reply to a question in the house of Lords tonight, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that the government has intimated to Russia that claims for compensation to the respective owners and crews of the British steamers St. Kilda and Ikhonona, sunk by the Russian auxiliary cruisers after the battle of the Sea of Japan, will be pressed, irrespective of the findings of the original prize court.

### EDITOR A MURDERER.

Shoots Man Four Times With Fatal Result.

Fresno, Cal., July 31.—Emmit Higgins, an old time contractor, of this city, this afternoon was shot four times and instantly killed by Robert E. Deane, living near Clovis. Deane was once managing editor of a Philadelphia daily newspaper. He was separated from his wife and had one daughter. The shooting grew out of a trivial quarrel.

## PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE WITTE

### Baron Rosen Arranges for Envoy's Informal Call.

Russian Ambassador Calls On President Roosevelt to Arrange For Informal Call of M. Witte in Advance of Formal Reception to Peace Envoys.

Oyster Bay, July 31.—Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador to the United States, was a guest today at Sagamore Hill.

The ambassador's visit to President Roosevelt was for the purpose of arranging the presentation, informally, of his confrere on the peace conference, M. Witte.

The desire of Baron Rosen is to present M. Witte to President Roosevelt, precisely as Baron Komura was presented last week by Minister Takahira, in advance of the formal reception which the president will tender the peace envoys and their suites on board the cruiser Mayflower Saturday.

It was arranged by President Roosevelt and Baron Rosen that M. Witte is to pay an informal call next Friday.

## TO CONTROL SCOURGE BY SCIENTIFIC METHODS

New Orleans, July 31.—By the end of the present week authorities in charge of the fever situation believe they will be in such thorough touch with conditions, they will be able to speak with authority as to their ability to control and eradicate the disease in advance of the coming frost. Three deaths occurred in the emergency hospital today.

All cases found with no relatives to care for them are promptly removed to the institution where most elaborate modern arrangements are made for their treatment.

announcement of a case there will doubtless be followed by the bottling up of the town.

No other case in Louisiana has been reported in the last two days.

### DECLARES QUARANTINE.

Little Rock, July 31.—The Arkansas state board of health tonight declared quarantine against all places where yellow fever exists.

### STATUS QUO.

New Orleans, July 31.—New cases up to 6 P. M., 21; cases to date, 302; deaths to 6 P. M., 5; total deaths to date, 62; new foci, 5; total within foci, 46.

Of the five deaths reported above, three occurred in the emergency hospital and all five bore Italian names.